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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Pages showing the requested changes are attached.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3 with:

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This is a continuation of co-pending U.S. patent application No. 09/338,181, filed June 22, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of co-pending U.S. patent application No. 09/197,283, filed November 20, 1998, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application No. 09/105,704, filed June 26, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,011,084, issued January 4, 2000. The disclosures of the '181, '283 and '704 applications are incorporated herein in their entireties by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2-3, 20-21, and 42-68 without prejudice. Replace the indicated claims with: